

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-2. (Canceled).

3. (Currently Amended) An electrostatic coating spray gun for electrifying a coating material atomized by compressed air using high voltage and coating the same onto a substance to be coated, the spray gun comprising:

a barrel constituting a main body of the spray gun;

an air cap mounted on a front of the barrel;

a coating material delivery port which is defined in a central part of the air cap and is open outwardly;

a centralized electrode protruding forward through the coating material delivery port;

a first pair of projections provided at respective upper and lower positions of said air cap and formed at respective radial opposing positions of the air cap while sandwiching the centralized electrode therebetween, and said projections protruding farther forward than the coating material delivery port;

a second pair of projections provided at respective left and right positions in a diametrical direction of the air cap with the centralized electrode placed therebetween, said second pair projecting forward from the coating material delivery port,

wherein each of said projections has a pattern air port hole so that compressed air is spouted inwardly forward with respect to the projections; and

a first pair of insulatively shielded electrodes accommodated in interiors of the respective first pair of projections and having respective surfaces covered with an electrically insulating material;[[],]

a second pair of insulatively shielded electrodes having respective surfaces covered with an electrically insulating material, said second pair being accommodated, respectively, in said second pair of projections.

wherein the centralized electrode is grounded and a high DC voltage is applied between the centralized electrode and the insulatively shielded electrodes so that air near a distal end of the centralized electrode is ionized and so that electrons are emitted from the centralized electrode;

the insulatively shielded electrodes protrude forward;

the insulatively shielded electrodes have distal ends covered by the projections located in front of the insulatively shielded electrodes, respectively; and

the projections include portions other than the pattern air port holes, which portions, respectively, cover portions other than portions of the insulatively shielded electrodes opposed to the pattern air port holes.

4-8. (Canceled).

9. (Previously Presented) The electrostatic coating spray gun according to claim 3, wherein the barrel has an outer periphery and the air cap includes an outer cylinder, the spray gun further comprising a retaining nut threadingly engaged with the outer periphery of the barrel, the retaining nut having a shaping air spout port which is located near the tip end of the barrel so that compressed air is spouted forward along an outer surface of the outer cylinder of the air cap from the shaping air spout port.

10. (Previously Presented) The electrostatic coating spray gun according to claim 3, wherein said projections are multi-walled bodies each having an elongated cavity which receives a respective one of said shielded electrodes.

11. (Canceled).

12. (Previously Presented) The electrostatic coating spray gun according to claim 3, wherein said pattern air port holes in said projections spout air diagonally radially inward forward.

13. (Currently Amended) The electrostatic coating spray gun according to claim 3, wherein each of said projections has [[have]] a multi-sided wall extending around a respective side surface of said shielded electrodes and a cap end wall extending over a respective free end of said shielded electrodes, and wherein said multi-sided wall of said projections include said port holes through which the compressed air is spouted.

14. (Previously Presented) The electrostatic coating spray gun according to claim 3, wherein said centralized electrode is a pin electrode.

15-24. (Canceled).

25. (Currently Amended) The electrostatic coating spray gun according to claim 3 [[14]], wherein the centralized electrode is grounded by a wiring cable.